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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW TEMPERATURE ANNEALING  
OF METALLIZATION MICROSTRUCTURES IN THE PRODUCTION OF  
A MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE 1/5/01

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION  
APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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March 28, 2001

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- X 2. A combined declaration and power of attorney is on file in the prior application.
- X 3. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. A certificate of mailing by "Express Mail" is set forth below.
- X 4. The prior application is assigned to SEMITOOL, INC., recorded at Reel 010352, Frame 0440.
- X 5. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is hereby claimed based on the aforementioned prior application, and all other priority claims made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and § 120 in the prior application are also claimed herein.
- X 6. The current correspondence address of each applicant is the same as last set forth in the prior application(s).
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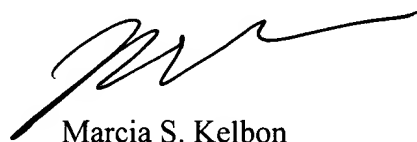
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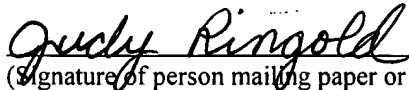
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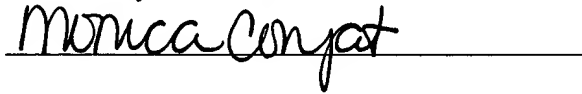
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